We Claim:

1. A multimedia system comprising:

    a plurality of media input signals;

    at least one setting associated with said signals which controls presentation of media from said signals; and wherein each of said signals is associated with a value for said setting to thereby allow independent control of said setting for each of said signals.

2. A system according to claim 1, further comprising a media subsystem having a plurality of media input devices for providing said media input signals.

3. A system according to claim 2, wherein at least some of said media input devices provide audio media input signals.

4. A system according to claim 3, wherein at least some of said media input devices additionally provide video media input signals.

5. A system according to claim 1, further comprising:

    an user input device for producing a selection command; and

    a media adapter for selecting one of said media input signals for presentation to said user in response to said selection command, said media adapter controlling said media signal in accordance with the value of said setting for said one media signal.

6. A system according to claim 5, further comprising a common output device for presenting said one media signal to said user.

7. A system according to claim 5, wherein said user input device further produces a setting modification command, and wherein said adapter is responsive to said modification command to modify the value of said setting for only said one media signal.

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8. A system according to claim 7, wherein said user input device is a keyboard having a number of buttons for producing said selection and modification commands.

9. A system according to claim 8, wherein said user input device includes a graphical

10   interface displayed on said common output device.

10. A computer-readable medium containing computer instructions and data for carrying out the steps of:

     associating a value of a setting with each of a plurality of media input signals in
15   a multimedia system;

     selecting one of said media input signals for presentation to a user of said system; and

     presenting said one media input signal to said user with the value of said setting associated with said one media input signal.

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11. A medium according to claim 10, wherein said associating step further associates a plurality of settings with each of said media input signals.

12. A medium according to claim 11, further comprising a data structure for holding
25   said values for all of said settings, said structure having a separate entry for each of said media input signals.

13. A medium according to claim 10, wherein said method further comprises:

    receiving a modification command from said user; and

    modifying the value of said setting for only said one media signal.

5   14. A method for controlling a multimedia system configured to receive a plurality of multimedia input signals and present media from at least one of said input signals to a user through at least one output device, said method comprising:

    selecting one of said sources in response to a selection command to said system;

    retrieving, from a table of parameter entries associated with said sources, at least

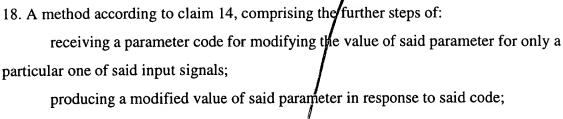10   one parameter value corresponding to said one source; and

    presenting media from said one signal to said output device in accordance with at least one retrieved parameter value.

15. A method according to claim 14, wherein each of said parameter entries holds

15   multiple values each corresponding to a different presentation of media from said signals.

16. A method according to claim 15, wherein a first group of said parameter entries controls the presentation of media from a first output device, and a second group of said

20   parameter entries controls the presentation of media from a second output device.

17. A method according to claim 14, wherein said selecting step comprises:

    receiving a selection code from said user representing said predetermined one signal; and

25   switching said one input signal to said one output device.

18. A method according to claim 14, comprising the further steps of:

receiving a parameter code for modifying the value of said parameter for only a particular one of said input signals;

producing a modified value of said parameter in response to said code;

storing said modified parameter value in an entry of said table corresponding to said particular one input signal; and

thereafter, presenting media from said selected signal to said output device in accordance with said modified parameter value.

19. A method according to claim 18, wherein said particular one signal is said predetermined one of said signals currently selected in response to said selection command.

20. A method according to claim 18, wherein said parameter code is received from said user.

21. A method according to claim 18, wherein each of said table entries holds multiple values each corresponding to a different one of a plurality of parameters associated with the presentation of media from said signals.

22. A method according to claim 21, wherein said parameter code further specifies a particular one of said parameters as said parameter to be modified.

23. An information-handling system comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of media input signals;

means for associating at least one setting with said signals for controlling presentation of media from said signals, wherein each of said signals is associated with

a value for said setting to thereby allow independent control of said setting for each of said signals.

24. A system according to claim 23, further comprising means for providing said media input signals.

25. A system according to claim 23, further comprising:

means for producing a selection command; and

means for selecting one of said media input signals for presentation to said user in response to said selection command, said selecting means controlling said media signal in accordance with the value of said setting for said one media signal.

26. A system according to claim 23, further comprising a common output means for presenting said one media signal to said user.

27. A system according to claim 23, further comprising means for produces a setting modification command, and wherein said selecting means is responsive to said modification command to modify the value of said setting for only said one media signal.

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